Interim Stay against M/s. Glaxo and M/s. Hoechst

375. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 646 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the grounds on which interim stay has been granted against recoveries from M/s. Glaxo and M/s. Hoechst;

(b) whether it is a fact that Courts have directed these parties to provide details and data as asked for by his Ministry for working final assessment upto due date;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that both parties have provided details; and

(e) if so, upto what period and what steps have been taken to assess final liabilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) In so far as M/s. Glaxo is concerned, some details were furnished by the company which were furnished by the company which were examined and, consequently, the tentative liability of the company has gone up from Rs. 66.35 crores to Rs. 71.78 crores which was intimated to the company. The Company's Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court is being contested by the Government. In the meantime, the Government has been prevented from taking any coercive steps against the company.

As for M/s. Hoechst, their Writ Petition in the Bombay High Court was allowed to be withdrawn in view of a time schedule laid down by the High Court vide order dated 8-3-1991 for submission of all the required details by the company and hearing of its representation by the Government and passing of a speaking order. The Company has furnished some data which is being examined by the Department.

Liability of M/s. Hoechst

376. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 662 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1991, and state:

(a) what is the period upto which liability of M/s. Hoechst have been tentatively assessed at Rs. 82.90 crores;

(b) what are the names of bulk drugs and finished medicines on which liability has been assessed;

(c) what are the details on which tentative liability of Rs. 24.91 crores was assessed against the earlier assessment of around Rs. 4.58 crores;

(d) what are the details of drugs and finished medicines and the period upto which the assessment was worked out as Rs. 4.58 crores; and

(e) what is the difference of price taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Requisite details are given in the Statement. (*See* below). The details relating to the tentatively recoverable amount of Rs. 77.81 crores are in the process of being scrutinised/reviewed in the light of the data/details becoming available from the company, apropos the Bombay High Court's order of 8th March, 1991.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Drugs	Recoverable amount for period upto 31-12-83		Recoverable amount for the period after 1-1-84		Total of columns 4 & 5
		As per Spl. committee	Revised calcula-tions	Amount	Period	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		(Rs. lakhs)	(Rs. lakhs)	(Rs. lakhs)		(Rs. lakhs)
(1)	*Baralgon Ketone*					
	(a) Bulk drug (b) Formulations	321.33	1746.40	3148.63	upto 1988-89	
	Sub-Total	321.33	1746.40	3148.63		4895.03
(2)	*Glybenclamibe*					
	a) Bulk drug	2.59	2.59	356 22	upto	
	(b) Formulations	—	3.90	535.72	1987	
	Sub-Total	2.59	6.49	891.94		898.03
(3)	*Frusemide*					
	(a) Bulk drug	31.76	37.76	81.62	upto	
	(b) Formulations	—	196.62	519.80	1988-89	
	Sub-Total	31.76	234.38	610.42		835.80
(4)	*Pheniramine Maleate*					
	(a) Bulk drug	70.38	87.96	187.77	upto	
	(b) Formulations	—	251.61	396.32	31-12-87	
	Sub-Total	70.38	339.57	584.09		923.66
(5)	*Pyrolidine Methyl Tetracycline (PMT)*					
	(a) Bulk drugs	32.04	74.21	22.51	upto	
	(b) Formulations	—	90.00	41.17	1986	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sub-Total			32.04	164.21	63.68	227.89
Total (In Rs. lakhs)			458.10	2491.05	5289.76	7780.81
	(In Rs. Crores)		4.58	24.91	52.90	77.81

Unjustified price increase of drugs and finished medicines

377. *SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:* Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that his ministry have given unjustified price increase during last four months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided a particular percentage of price increase on drugs and finished medicines;

(c) if so, what are the details of such decision;

(d) what are the names of medicines where price increase has been allowed more than such decision;

(e) whether it is a fact that prices of certain Anti-TB medicines have gone up very high; and

(f) if so, what were the prices during 1990, what are the present prices and what is the percentage of price increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The extent of price increase in formulations is calculated on the basis of a formula and norms as per DPCO, 1987. In order to keep prices of finished medicines i.e. formulations, in check, during the last four months price increases were restricted to 5 per cent annum, however, increase on account of material costs were permitted to full extent.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The requisite details are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Price in 1990 (Rs.)	1991 (Rs.)	% increase
1	Ethambutol	752/Kg.	811/Kg.	7.85
2	Pyrazinamide	1222/Kg.	1222/Kg.	—
3	Rifampicin	3500/Kg.	3850/Kg.	10.00

Setting up Zirconium and Titanium Metal Complex in Tamil Nadu

378. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Atomic Energy is planning to set up a large Zirconium and Titanium metal complex at Palayakayal village in Tamil Nadu to utilise the zircon sand deposit in this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu is participating in this